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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015      9:00 a.m.      Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Hooker, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Hooker requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Absent: None,

Excused: None.

Representative Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4976, HB 4977, and HB 4978 before the committee:

HB 4976    (Hovey-Wright)    Children; protection; children's assurance of quality foster care policy; create.

HB 4977    (Runestad)        Children; foster care; specific policy for foster children; create.

HB 4978    (Darany)                Children; foster care; information regarding the foster children's assurance of quality foster care policy; require the department of human services to provide to foster children.

A substitute (H-2) was adopted for HB 4976 on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

A substitute (H-1) was adopted for HB 4977 on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4976 (H-2):

1. Amend page 3, line 21, after "**THE**" by inserting "**CHILD**".

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4976 (H-2). The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Jim Casha, representing Foster Kids with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, testified in opposition to the bills.

Marvin Dick, representing the Foster Care Review Board, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Julie Schnell, representing the Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues

Angela Madden, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Representative Liberati moved to report HB 4976 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Vaupel moved to report HB 4977 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Liberati moved to report HB 4978 with recommendation. The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting the time being 9:20 a.m.

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Representative Hooker, Chair

Matthew Carnagie  
Committee Clerk  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
20 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed